

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

February 9, 2012

The Utah State Board of Education held a legislative meeting on February 9, 2012 at the Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah. At the direction of the Chair, Vice Chair Dixie Allen conducted.

Board Members present:

Chair Debra Roberts
Vice Chair Dixie Allen
Member Kim Burningham
Member Janet Cannon

Member David Crandall
Member Michael Jensen
Member Mark Openshaw
Member David Thomas (part)

Members participating electronically:

Member Laurel Brown

Executive staff present:

Larry Shumway, State Superintendent
Martell Menlove, Deputy Supt.
Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent
Todd Hauber, Associate Superintendent

Judy Park, Associate Superintendent
Don Uchida, USOR Executive Director
Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others present:

Bruce Young, Canyons School District; Tom Given, Granite School District; Kris Allen, Wasatch School District; Pat O'Hara, Murray School District; Laura Belnap, Washington School District; Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, UEA; Murrell Martin, USOE; Cathy Dudley, USOE; Sean Thomas, USOE; Natalie Grange, USOE; Larry Newton, USOE; Sydnee Dickson, USOE, Elizabeth Ziegler, USOE

Vice Chair Dixie Allen called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. She reported that the Utah Teacher of the Year, Leigh VandenAkker, will be receiving a citation from the Legislature on February 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda.

Transportation Funding

Murrell Martin, USOE Transportation Specialist, and Tom Given, Granite School District Transportation Director, were welcomed to the meeting. Handouts on the Minimum School

Program Basic School Program were distributed and the transportation sections of those handouts were reviewed. Mr. Martin reported that Utah school districts are running more efficiently than they ever have in their transportation operations, and are making a greater local funding contribution. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst has made a recommendation to tie the appropriation for transportation to enrollment growth. [For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 11842.]

Presentation from Legislators

Senator Aaron Osmond

Senator Aaron Osmond joined the meeting to discuss his bill—SB 64 *Public Education Employment Reform*. He showed a PowerPoint outlining the key points of the bill. [For complete details, see General Exhibit No. 11843.]

Motion was made by Member David Thomas and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the Board support SB 64 *Public Education Employment Reform*.

Members Thomas and Openshaw accepted a substitute motion that—recognizing the important collaboration process which has taken place in the development of this bill, and recognizing that this bill takes us far in improving the quality of instruction that takes place in Utah—the Board supports SB 64 as currently written.

Motion carried.

Representative John Dougall

Representative Dougall joined the meeting to discuss his bill—HB 123 *Educational Savings Account*. He distributed and reviewed information about the bill, which proposes to create an educational savings account of \$6400 for students in grades 9-12 to use at a school or for the classes of their choice using various providers. Monies would be kept in the Minimum School Program for special education, transportation and rural schools needs.

In response to questions from the Board, Representative Dougall clarified that under the bill:

- School districts would set their own graduation requirements and credit would transfer between districts.

- Truancy would be managed by the local police.
- It is expected that the high school experience will still be available.
- Providers will determine the price for courses.
- Students won't get the full amount of money if they don't complete a course.
- Any extra money left in the account at the end of high school can be used for higher education.
- Students will not have to graduate from high school to spend unused money at post-secondary educational institutions. There is flexibility to allow the Board to contract with private colleges.

[For complete details, see General Exhibit 11844.]

Member David Thomas left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Education-related bills

Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove reviewed several pieces of legislation. The Board took the following action.

HB 363 - Health Education

Motion was made by Member Laurel Brown and seconded by Member Janet Cannon that the Board put a position of "watch" on the bill.

Substitute motion was made by Member Janet Cannon and seconded by Member Kim Burningham that the Board take a position of "board governance/local issue" on HB 363, with the comment that for this type of curriculum, the State Board is in a better position to set guidelines for local boards of education, with local boards determining the detail, taking into consideration local values.

Substitute motion failed 7-1, with Members Allen, Brown, Burningham, Cannon, Jensen, Openshaw and Roberts in favor, and Member Crandall opposed.

Member Brown withdrew her original motion.

Motion was made by Member David Crandall and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that no position be taken on HB 363, but that the Board make the statement that for this type of

curriculum, the State Board is in a better position to set guidelines for local boards of education, with local boards determining the detail, taking into consideration local values.

Motion carried.

SB 48 *Mission of Public Education*

Chair Roberts reviewed proposed amendments to the bill to change the wording in Promises to Keep from “citizen participation in civic and political affairs” to “citizen participation in civic and constitutional affairs in order to be good citizens;” also, to change the wording, “strong moral and social values,” to omit the word “social.”

Motion was made by Chair Debra Roberts and seconded by Member Kim Burningham that the wording in SB 48 be maintained as in the Promises to Keep document.

Motion carried.

HB 197 *Grants for Math Teacher Training*

Motion was made by Member Laurel Brown and seconded by Member Michael Jensen that the Board oppose HB 197, as the appropriation for a teacher preparation program should come from higher education funding.

Substitute motion was made by Member Kim Burningham and seconded by Member David Crandall that the Board take no position on the bill, but make a statement that funding for the program outlined in the bill should come from a higher education appropriation.

Substitute motion failed 7-1, with Members Allen, Burningham, Cannon, Crandall, Jensen, Openshaw and Roberts in favor, and Member Brown opposed.

Original motion failed, with Members Burningham, Crandall and Openshaw opposed.

Budget

The Board reviewed the handout, *FY2013 Budget Increase Discussion*. [For complete details, see General Exhibit 11845.]

Motion was made by Member Debra Roberts and seconded by Member Michael Jensen that the Board authorize Superintendent Shumway to support, in addition to its budget priorities,

increased funding for WPU Funded Program (as outlined on distributed handout), in the event that more money is appropriated for public education.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Kim Burningham and seconded by Member Mark Openshaw that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Secretary to the Board
Approved March 2, 2012